



MINUTES

November 16, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Batton, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:10 pm, in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Pierre Batton, 1st District Representative, Co-Chair

Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Amber Hines, *9th District Youth*

Helen Ingram, *Education*

Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*

Mackenzie Martin, *5th District Youth*

Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board Member*

Victor Perez, *Health*

Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*

Kevin Scott, *Youth Enrichment*

Mary Soth, *Early Childhood Development*

Chelsii Summerville, *4th District Youth*

Absent:

Sotheara Chhay, *6th District Youth*

Harry Koulos, *3rd District Youth* (excused)

Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*

Crystal Palatto, *7th District Youth*

Phillip Penn, *8th District Youth* (excused)

Lauren Perry, *2nd District Youth*

Jessica Quintana, *Parent* (excused)

Staff:

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Dan Hendricks, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Toni Forde-Hixon, Community Services Supervisor, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests:

Larry Herrera, City Clerk

Cecile Walters, Workforce Development

Dominic Storelli, *3rd District Representative*

Erick Martinez, *1st District Representative*

Erica Cubias, Centro CHA

Miguel Miramantes, Centro CHA

Toi Hines, Long Beach Resident

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the October 19, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS

Centro CHA made a brief presentation on one of the Youth Fund projects, a youth-led health fair held on Sat, Sept 17.

New, color CYC brochures were distributed, and there was discussion about obtaining extras on request if Commissioners are attending an event and would like to have extras to hand out. Commissioner Ingram was given some extras for an upcoming meeting.

Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed Sports Park. He mentioned that they would like to make a presentation and get youth input on the proposal. As such, Phil delivered a letter informing the Commission that if they wanted a presentation on the topic, it could be arranged.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

As usual, the Superintendent's monthly report was included in the agenda packet.

Superintendent Fogg asked for volunteers to research several topics, and several Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Batton agreed to look at a web site on problems with youth and methamphetamine use. Cynthia also asked Commissioners to view a video on how tobacco companies try to get customers addicted, if the Commission were to purchase it. Commissioner Martin agreed to read a book, *Social Justice Grant Making: A Report on Foundation Trends*. Ms. Fogg also showed an article on America's Promise. Commissioner Hines agreed to look at the White House's Youth Service web site, www.helpingamericasyouth.org. Finally, Commissioners agreed to read an article, *Teen Centers, Complete With Teens*, which detailed methods of getting teens to attend teen centers.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Co-Chair Batton discussed the America's Promise awards event. He gave a comprehensive summary of the trip and awards presentation.

Co-Chair Turrentine commented on the new look of the Commission letterhead, which now incorporates the America's Promise logo.

VI. REPORTS

a. Committees

I. Executive Committee Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Turrentine discussed the meeting, which was done via conference call and was very efficient.

II. Profile Project Committee

The Profile Project Committee is still suspended

III. Public Relations Committee Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin

Neither co-chair attended the November meeting

IV. Long Beach Youth Fund Committee

Meeting summary was held off until the New Business portion of the meeting.

V. Special Implementation Committee Co-Chairs Batton and Scott

Commissioner Scott discussed some ideas and questions regarding the focus of the Commission he shared with the other Commissioners. Methods of tracking the results of Commission recommendations were also discussed. City Clerk Larry Herrera also mentioned that the Long Beach City Council Minutes are being upgraded to an electronic version that is far more easy to use. It will also have an excellent search engine for finding specific topics referenced by the City Council in meetings.

VI. Special Mayoral Candidates Forum Committee Co-Chairs Isozaki and Koulos

The Committee has determined that there will be three moderators for the Forum. These moderators will be Mackenzie Martin, Pierre Batton, and Harry Koulos. The Committee also discussed whether the groups working with the Committee should be considered "partners" or "supporters" of the forum. They decided to consider them supporters and will call them "Forum Advocates." Charter Communications will be doing the camera work for the forum. Several other groups are also interested in helping out. The City of Los Angeles has expressed an interest in the forum as well, possibly with an eye towards having a similar forum in L.A. Commissioner Isozaki reviewed some of the format for the forum, and discussed how the questions asked would be selected. Commissioner Meyer talked about using school government, history and economics classes to obtain questions for the candidates.

b. Standing Items

I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan

There were no comments on the plan at this meeting.

II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils

Report on DLYAC meetings

The various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils. Cynthia Fogg

introduced Toni Forde-Hixon, who will be assisting with the DLYAC meetings, and preparing fliers to assist in DLYAC recruitment. Other methods of increasing DLYAC attendance were discussed.

District 1 Received new fliers

District 2 Received new fliers

District 3 Received new fliers

District 4 Received new fliers

District 5 Received new fliers

District 6 Received new fliers

District 7 Received new fliers

District 8 Received new fliers

District 9 Received new fliers

III. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force (Nov 14)

A new caterer was obtained for the Task Force. Task Force member Dan Murphy was recently appointed as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. Commissioner Rothenberg briefed the Task Force on his recent visit to a conference where he learned about a program in the San Fernando Valley that was an anti-gang violence. The Task Force received an award, the Long Beach Wits Award. They also watched the video of their award from the Enough is Enough telethon. There was also a report on a mass truancy check where 150 students were picked up and cited.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming –

Outgoing –

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. America's Promise Regional Award

Cynthia Fogg briefed the Commission on the existence of the \$20,000 America's Promise Regional Award and opened discussion on what to do with these funds. A prize funding expenditure plan was presented to give the funds to the Long Beach Youth Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Soth to receive and file the report and authorize the funding expenditure plan.

b. Long Beach Election Process

Long Beach City Clerk, Larry Herrera, discussed the Long Beach election process and answered various questions from the Commissioners regarding the process involved in City elections, including the upcoming Mayoral

election. He discussed numbers of registered voters in the city, and the percentages that usually vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Commission Co-Chair Turrentine to receive and file the report.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Hines to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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